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1.  military units in Bulgaria:
  - a. An unidentified antiaircraft regiment, in Plovdiv;
  - b. An unidentified antiaircraft regiment, in Gorna Oryakhovitsa;
  - c. An unidentified artillery regiment, in Yambol;
  - d. An unidentified heavy artillery regiment, in Shumen;
  - e. An unidentified armored unit, in Samokov;
  - f. An unidentified armored unit, in Stara Zagora;
  - g. An unidentified Air Force artillery unit, stationed in a camp surrounded by a 3-meter high brick wall, between Ulitsa Patriarch Eftimiy and Ulitsa Stalin, in Sofia; the camp has two entrances, one from Ulitsa Patriarch Eftimiy and the other from Ulitsa Tolbukhin, with an observation post on each corner;
  - h. The Iosif Stalin Brigade, stationed in the old cavalry barracks in Sofia; this brigade is composed of various units and has a total strength of 3,000 men; troops are especially selected for this unit, undergo special training, and are distinguished by a red and blue stripe on their caps; and
  - i. The Georgi Dimitrov Brigade, similar to the Stalin Brigade, location not known.
2. Following the break between the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, antiaircraft posts were set up in Sofia at the following locations:
  - a. Slatinski Redut, the terminus of streetcar line No. 4;
  - b. Dervenitsa, in the vicinity of the Dianabad swimming pool;

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- c. Dzhurstot, a hill behind the Reserve Officers School;
  - d. Klementina, at the far end of the gypsy quarter;
  - e. Opposite and approximately 500 meters away from the central railroad station, in the direction of the Nadezhda quarter, and
  - f. In the vicinity of the Poduene railroad station.
3. Each of these antiaircraft posts is equipped with 88 mm. guns of German manufacture, some of them Rheinmetalls. In addition, each post is equipped with 28 mm. or 30 mm. Soviet light guns, a Pschor (sic) installation operated by seven men, and a Radar set operated by 13 men. The guns are of superior quality and the Soviets allegedly wished to exchange them for Soviet weapons.
4. In the summer of 1951, approximately 100 T-34 tanks were received from the USSR. These tanks have the following characteristics:
- a. Very low build;
  - b. Heavier armor than the Sherman tank;
  - c. Cast in one piece;
  - d. Tracks protected by steel covers;
  - e. Equipped with a 40 mm. cannon and two machine guns of unidentified caliber; and
  - f. A crew of four.
5. Radio transmitting stations are located as follows:
- a. In the vicinity of the antiaircraft post at Kurstot;
  - b. Near the post opposite the Central Railroad Station; and
  - c. At the Semenariata military station; this station is used to locate illegal transmitting stations in Sofia and vicinity; a military and a police camp are stationed nearby.
6. Every man serving in the reserve is issued an Army book (Voenna Samolichna Knizhka). These books are red for officers, another color for noncommissioned officers, and light green for privates. The letters BOC are written on the book's cover, followed by a number which stands for the serviceman's unit. 1
7. In 1950, the civilian air raid shelter located opposite and approximately 100 meters away from the Poduene railroad station was enlarged. It is 10 meters below ground and is built of wood. A second shelter for members of the government is situated on the Sofia-Samokov road, two to three kilometers from Pancharevo (N 42-35, E 23-24), and is cut into the rock and lined with concrete. The entrance to this shelter is approximately 20 meters off the road.

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